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366TH FIGHTER WING, MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO

Volunteers offer free tax preparation for Airmen

By SENIOR AIRMAN
BRIAN STIVES
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Even the simplest of tax returns can be confusing for Airmen who aren't familiar with IRS forms and publications and the rules that govern federal income taxes. But a small group of experts here are once again offering their services to help the Gunfighters piece together the income tax puzzle.

These tax experts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives, are trained annually by the IRS and Idaho Tax Commission to help Gunfighters file their taxes. They are available through May 30. Gunfighters can get their taxes pre-

pared in most squadrons or at the Tax Center. The Tax Center is located inside Building 2608 (where the Envisions store is located).

Servicemembers who plan to take advantage of services offered by VITA volunteers should make sure they have all applicable paperwork including last year's tax return; W-2s; 1099 statements; social security cards for all dependents; and itemized deduction information, mortgage statements, real estate tax document, and documents for charitable contributions before calling their unit representative (listed on Page 3) or the Tax Center for an appointment.

According to Vicki Johnson, VITA program coordinator, the IRS training VITA representatives receive

gives them all the tools they need to help Gunfighters.

"There are one or more member volunteers from each squadron who attended an annual VITA tax representative training seminar, which was led by a representative from the IRS and Idaho Tax Commission," said Mrs. Johnson. "Volunteers who finished the seminar and passed an end-of-course exam are certified and have the ability to assist in the preparation of an individual's tax return. The VITA reps are trained to use a tax-based computer program and all returns are filed electronically."

VITA representatives provide free services similar to those offered by paid tax preparers, but there are some exceptions. Volunteers cannot pre-

pare returns for people with complex tax issues, such as private business owners or people with complicated capital gains and losses, supplemental income and loss, employee business expenses and non-deductible individual retirement accounts.

In addition, Mrs. Johnson said the VITA program is designed to help low income clients, but the volunteers at the Tax Center try to help everyone who is an ID card holder from any branch of service, retired or active duty.

Mrs. Johnson urges those who are eligible to take advantage of VITA services. She said the program saves thousands of dollars for

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE REPRESENTATIVES ARE TRAINED ANNUALLY BY THE IRS AND IDAHO TAX COMMISSION TO HELP GUNFIGHTERS FILE THEIR TAXES. THEY ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MAY 30.

STEPping UP



TECH. SGT. RENNIE ONDERS, 726TH AIR CONTROL SQUADRON, STANDS WITH HIS WIFE, KAREN, AND THREE-MONTH-OLD SON, MALACHI, AFTER COL. CHARLES SHUGG, 366TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER, PROMOTED HIM TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT UNDER THE STRIPES FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMERS PROGRAM JAN. 20.

Gunfighter surprised with extra stripe

STORY AND PHOTO
By SENIOR AIRMAN SERGIO AGUIRRE
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The members of the 726th Air Control Squadron, radar maintenance section, gathered around the table during a flight call Jan. 20 in advance of the wing commanders arrival. As he stepped into the building, the group silently awaited the words of the colonel.

"How are you all doing," said Col. Charles Shugg, 366th Fighter Wing commander.

He broke the silence and set the crowd at ease. As he spoke about fulfilling mission requirements and the level of effort put forth by the squadron, he called on a familiar face among the 726th ACS personnel.

Staff Sgt. Rennie Onders, who has been a prominent member of the squadron, was noticeably surprised when he was singled out from among the crowd. After asking a series of general

squadron questions, Colonel Shugg noted there were some stragglers behind a small wall and asked them come forward.

As they approached, Sergeant Onders grew confused, though pleasantly surprised at the site of his wife, Karen, and their son, Malachi, he said.

"This was really a great moment for me because my son is 3-months old, and my section had not had a chance to see him yet, so I felt it was really a nice touch," said Sergeant Onders. "It put a smile on my face for sure."

As his family drew near, Colonel Shugg turned back to Sergeant Onders and gave him an inspecting stare.

"Sergeant Onders, I think there is a problem with that uniform you're wearing," said Colonel Shugg. "Can you help him ma'am?"

With that Mrs. Onders handed Colonel Shugg a BDU blouse with freshly sewn on technical sergeant stripes. Sergeant Onders, at that moment, had figured out that he was being promoted

through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program, something he had never dreamed of.

"I couldn't believe it," said Sergeant Onders. "I really thought I was dreaming and going to wake up still a staff sergeant. I was really shocked by it all."

The plan to keep Sergeant Onders in the dark had worked thanks to some quick thinking and help from Mrs. Onders who had the patches sewn the night before the ceremony.

"It was hard keeping it in because I wanted to tell him, but I just smiled inside because I knew something he didn't," said Mrs. Onders. "It was fun to see his reaction. It's not easy to surprise him because he figures it out, so this was nice to finally surprise him with something this big."

Scenes like this happen throughout the base from time to time, and those who are able to witness it say they are always happy to have been

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'VIRTUAL COMMISSARY' OPENS FOR BUSINESS

By BONNIE POWELL
DEFENSE COMMISSARY
AGENCY

FORT LEE, Va. - Commissary shoppers looking for a different kind of gift for friends or family at home or abroad can let their "fingers do the clicking" at the new Virtual Commissary. Located under the shopping link at www.commissaries.com, Virtual Commissary will open up a whole new world of Internet shopping for authorized users of the commissary benefit.

"We're excited about the Defense Commissary Agency's first adventure into the world of Internet shopping," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director for DeCA.

Initially, one of DeCA's business partners, Kraft Foods Inc., is kicking off Internet shopping with a selection of gift baskets. "But the number of vendors and manufacturers participating will continue to increase - along with the variety of products," Mr. Nixon said.

All of the products in the gift baskets at

Virtual Commissary can be found on the shelves of "brick and mortar" commissaries, but the unique packaging of products into gift and special occasion baskets adds a new twist. With titles like "Camouflage," "Drill Sergeant" and "Touch of Home," the baskets offer assortments of

crackers, canned cheeses, cookies, candies and even beverages and coffee packs.

To access the extended commissary, shoppers must pass through a secure portal found under the shopping link at www.commissaries.com. Personal information entered by the customer is validated to ensure they are an authorized shopper. Access is dependent on whether the customer is entered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Military exchanges use a similar method to check for authorization before permitting access to exchange Web sites or online shopping.

DoD civilians stationed overseas who are otherwise authorized to shop at commissaries may not be able to access Virtual Commissary until changes are made to the DEERS database by the Defense Manpower Data Center, said DeCA officials. DMDC is targeting completion of the changes for late November.

Virtual Commissary customers can make selections and fill in their payment and shipping information in one easy and secure step, before being transferred to the manufacturer's site where they can get total cost for the product (including the shipping) and finalize their purchase.

Shipping and handling

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ON THE WEB

Virtual Commissary
www.commissaries.com

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SFS changes allow other Airmen to provide security

As the Air Force continues to adapt for the future, changes to the security forces career field will af-

fect the total force.

Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a "refocus" on how his people train and fight.

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GTC billing date changes

Air Force government travel card billing cycles for individually billed accounts will begin closing out on

the 22nd of each month beginning in March.

The current cycle ends the third day of every month, so cardholders will experience a long cycle running Feb. 3 through March 22.

Bank of America will have customer service representatives available and prepared to handle all calls relating to the cycle date change.

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WEEKEND WEATHER:

Friday: Rain/Snow Showers
High: 38 • Low 27



Saturday: Few Snow Showers
High: 38 • Low 30



Sunday: Rain/Snow
High: 38 • Low 32



Teamwork: Everyone plays role in success

By MASTER SGT. SANDRA BAIRD
366TH AIRCRAFT
MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

What do you think of when you hear the word “team?” This time of year, with playoffs in full swing, it’s natural to think of a favorite football team. The coordination it takes to successfully complete each play is amazing.

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To me, the men and women of the 366th Fighter Wing represent a superb example of the word “team.” Each member of our team plays a critical role in the success of our mission. Everyone on the team depends on each other to fulfill their assigned roles, every day of the year. Working together, we are the very definition of synergy. The results of our combined

efforts are much greater than any one section’s individual successes. As the great football coach Vince Lombardi said, “People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses or the problems of modern society.”

During my 19-plus years of service in the Air Force, I’ve been privileged to witness teamwork at its best. As a proud member of the 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, I’m most familiar with the flightline environment. A variety of career fields are responsible each time an aircraft launches with bombs on target. Frequently, maintainers work long hours in all kinds of weather, ensuring aircraft fly successful missions. We do it because we know our teammates in the Air Force and the other services depend on us.

During Operation Enduring Freedom, our unit was directly responsible for saving the lives of Army Rangers in danger of being over-run by the enemy. Our F-16s provided the close air support that turned the tide in this victory. The wing’s fighters

have turned the tide of battle on numerous occasions, but we couldn’t have been successful without the support of our teammates. It takes more than aircraft maintenance to keep those jets flying. It takes the dedication of everyone on the team.

This fact was really brought home to me during my first deployment. The teamwork and pride was very evident when I deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. My unit wasn’t the first to arrive in country, so a lot of planning and work had already been accomplished by the time we got there. We arrived at approximately 2 a.m. and were quickly in-processed, given our sleeping bags and assigned a place to bunk. A hot meal was available as well as a refreshing shower. I didn’t have to worry about anything but getting my jets ready to fly.

Later, I learned what the first people on the ground had contributed and endured to make my arrival a pleasant one. My teammates from security forces, supply, services and civil engineering slept in warehouses and

bathed in mop buckets while establishing the infrastructure of the bare base. Without these teammates, the mission’s success wouldn’t have been possible.

Of course, everything doesn’t always run smoothly. That’s why we practice with those dreaded Phase I and Phase II exercises. Training our replacements and practicing what we learn are necessary to the future success of our team. Like a successful football team, we must all know our positions. We must know our responsibilities during each contingency and how best to fulfill those responsibilities. After all, our teammates are counting on us.

This is more a fact than ever as the war on terrorism continues. If you have been privileged enough to attend Expeditionary Combat Skills Training, you’ve learned how valuable we are to base defense in addition to our normal duties. Remember, the person next to you is depending on you learning those skills as well as your normal duties. In fact, that person next to you is staking his or her life on it.

As we get wrapped up in our individual responsibilities, it’s easy to forget the impact every organization has on overall mission success. It’s easy to forget that making that suspense means more than staying on the boss’ good side. Often, meeting a suspense means someone gets paid, fed or medically cleared for deployment. Family members are taken care of because base housing is repaired or renovated. The list is seemingly endless. “Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” (Vince Lombardi)

So, the next time you think it’s all for nothing and it just doesn’t matter, think of your teammates. Whatever your individual reason was for joining the Air Force, whether you want to make a career of it or not, you doing your job every day to the best of your ability is the reason we are the best Air Force in the world. I’m proud to call each and every one of you my teammate. I know I can count on you.

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COL. CHARLES SHUGG
This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It’s your opportunity to make Mountain Home Air Force Base a better place to live and work. I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function. Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828- 6262 or e-mail Commanders-Hotline@mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.

COL. CHARLES SHUGG
366TH FIGHTER WING
COMMANDER

2005 AWARDS	
<i>As of this week</i>	
Air Force	10
ACC	38
12th Air Force	4

LAST DUI	
366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	
Days without a DUI:	
18	
AADD has made 55 saves in January, 1,468 in 2005	
<i>(Courtesy AADD)</i>	



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The future of security forces in combat

By COL. BRAD SPACY
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SECURITY FORCES AND
FORCE PROTECTION

In the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2005, the first combat patrols of Operation Desert Safeside left the northern perimeter of Balad Air Base, Iraq, and began an aggressive 60-day combat operation to kill or capture insurgents attacking the air base. This was a historic mission for Air Force security forces. It was bold, put Airmen at risk and the stakes were high. We knew the results of Operations Desert Safeside would have far-reaching implications on the future of Air Force security forces as a credible ground combat force.

Operation Desert Safeside was carried out by the men and women of Task Force 1041. Specially built around a squadron of the 820th Security Forces Group, TF 1041 was led by a young security forces lieutenant colonel named Chris Bargery, chosen for his reputation as an innovative combat leader. TF 1041’s designated area of operations was one of the most violent areas in the region, roughly 10 kilometers wide and 6 deep, from the Balad perimeter fence to the Tigris River.

Throughout January and February 2005, Colonel Bargery led the men and women of TF 1041 in more than 500 combat missions that included raids, ambushes, and sniper operations aimed at

taking back the initiative enjoyed by the enemy for more than two years.

TF 1041 did not disappoint. In just 60 days they captured 17 high value targets, eight major weapons caches, 98 other insurgents and reduced enemy attacks from their area of operations to nearly zero. And although TF 1041 endured numerous firefights, improvised explosive devices and indirect fire attacks, they sustained no injuries. Operation Desert Safeside was by all accounts an overwhelming success.

However, TF 1041’s success on the battlefield had a larger effect than its immediate impact on the areas around Balad AB. TF 1041 also showed the world that Air Force security forces are an exceptionally capable ground combat force. This is a key point as security forces transform from a Cold War industrial security force to a relevant ground combat force for the joint warfight in the 21st Century.

Although security forces have claimed the base defense mission since the 1960s, it has always been considered an Army responsibility. In 1985, this was formalized when the Army became officially responsible for defense “outside the wire” of a fixed base. It was an unwritten understanding that Air Force security forces would stay inside the base perimeter. This looked fine on paper, but faced numerous challenges in application, which endured through the Cold War and into the 1990s.

During Operation Desert Storm, the lines of battle were fairly well-defined with major combat at the “front” and air bases supposedly tucked safely in the rear area. The first widely-publicized indications that the enemy was changing tactics was seen during the attack on Khobar Towers, but the full impact of these changes weren’t fully exposed until Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. In combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, our bases are not always in the rear, and the enemy has attacked us from all sides with relative impunity, just like at Balad AB. The world in which we conduct Air Force operations is changing, and we need to adapt.

Early last year, when previous Air Force/Army agreements were dissolved, the Air Force was left with a tough problem; while security forces are eager to fight outside the wire, most are untested in the combat environment experienced by TF 1041. This situation is exacerbated by the fact that security forces are spread thin conducting security missions and other tasks throughout the theater. This is where Security Forces Transformation comes in.

Security Forces Transformation will help the Air Force deliberately embrace the air base defense mission by addressing requirements in all areas, from doctrine to training and equipping and even leadership preparation. Security Forces Transformation will also retool the organizational structure to ensure we have the number of troops available to take the fight to the

enemy outside the wire. However, air base defense is a tough mission, and security forces can’t do it alone. Effective air base defense requires an integrated approach.

The Air Force needs to truly embrace the “every Airman is a warrior” culture and enlist the whole force in defending an air base much like Sailors do an aircraft carrier in the Navy. All Airmen must be trained and equipped to man “battle stations,” and leaders must be prepared to lead them in the ground fight. Security forces might be the ones outside the wire, but the whole Air Force team will have to ensure the base remains protected from penetrative attacks and insider threats and be ready to respond when called upon. This is the reality of the world today.

I knew when I designed Operation Desert Safeside that the only way to stop the enemy from attacking our air bases was to go out and kill or capture him and take his weapons. I knew that security forces had the skills and courage to take on this mission and make it a success. The brave men and women of Task Force 1041 proved this to be true in dramatic fashion. Operation Desert Safeside provides a look at the future of Air Force ground combat, and Security Forces Transformation is the key to ensuring we’re all ready to protect and defend.

366th Fighter Wing Annual Awards Banquet “SHINING STARS – HERE AND AWAY”

When:

Feb. 7

Time:

Cocktails – 6 p.m.
Dinner – 7 p.m.

Place:

Gunfighter Club

Cost:

\$17 for members
\$20 for non-members

Dress:

Military – Mess Dress
Civilian – Semi Formal

Sign up with your group representative by Thursday.

Group Representatives:

366th Operations Group

Master Sgt. Sam Abernathy – 828-1168

366th Maintenance Group

Master Sgt. Todd Montgomery – 828-1643

366th Mission Support Group

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Janssen – 828-5763

366th Medical Group

Staff Sgt. Kari Boyles – 828-7300

366th Fighter Wing Staff

Ann Taggart – 828-4536

HOTLINE: PRIVACY ACT

Concern:
I’m calling because I don’t understand why when I called TRICARE to make an appointment on base for a procedure for my husband, they wouldn’t let me make it due to the Privacy Act and I’d like to know why. Thank you.

Colonel Shugg’s response:
Thank you for your question. The privacy law in question is commonly known as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and is a federal medical privacy law that we have been required to follow since 2003. Violations of HIPAA subject our installation to large fines and other punitive actions. Under normal circumstances, routine appointments may be made

for others without consent forms. However, if medical personnel are required to obtain specific information from the patient and no consent form is on file, then the appropriate appointment cannot be made due to violation of HIPAA.

To ensure a patient’s personal wishes are met, patients may sign a consent form, which we keep on file, that allows medical personnel to discuss his or her healthcare with others.

To fill out a consent form, stop by the TRICARE Service Center and Patient Administration at the hospital during regular business hours. If you need further assistance, you can call 828-7900.

Thank you again for allowing us to provide light on this subject.

Gunfighters, Red Cross team up for blood drive

By SERGIO AGUIRRE
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Red Cross and Gunfighters have worked together again and organized a blood drive to be held Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The goal of the drive is to raise 70 usable units of blood to help those in need.

“This is very important because it impacts so many lives every year all over the world,” said 1st Lt. Lindsey Tramel, 366th Mission Support Squadron. “It really is easy to schedule an appointment with us, donate, have some refreshments and be back on your way in no time.

“Consider that every pint of blood has the potential to save three lives and only takes about 45 min-

utes to collect,” said the lieutenant. “Humans have the ability to replenish about one pint of blood every eight weeks, which means a person who regularly donates blood can potentially save the lives of more than more than 19 people every year.

“I’d tell anyone who is considering donating to try it. You can always stop if you change your mind,” said Lieutenant Tramel. “The Red Cross staff is experienced and greatly appreciates the donors that take the time and effort to come out and potentially save lives.”

While donating may be a noble calling, there is a work for those who cannot donate as well. Volunteers can help serve refreshments

to donors and ensure the donors are safe after giving blood.

“I like to help people, and when I heard they needed volunteers, I just couldn’t say ‘no’,” said Staff Sgt. Tori Hammel, 366th MSS. “The Red Cross definitely appreciates our help, and I think the people donating appreciate it as well.”

“I volunteered when the position came open because it’s a very fulfilling job,” Lieutenant Tramel, who has voluntarily served as the base Blood Program Officer for

more than a year. “I know this makes a difference in people’s lives, and they are very thankful for it.”

The event will feature blood donation by appointment, but walk-ins are welcome on a first come first served basis as well.

“I’ve given blood three times so far,” said Lieutenant Tramel. “I try to donate whenever I have the opportunity. I want to donate my blood, O negative, because it’s rare and can be used in place of almost every other blood type.”

“It’s an excellent way to give

back to the community and, it gives you a great feeling knowing you’re helping someone,” said Sergeant Hammel. “Just a few minutes of your time could be the difference between life and death for someone. Every pint counts.”

“If people are unable donate, they are welcome to call me to set up volunteer opportunities,” said Lieutenant Tramel. “We have two shifts they can work. - 7 a.m. to noon and noon to 5 p.m. They can help the Red Cross with administrative duties, serve food and look after those donors.”

Donors should bring their photo ID with them when they donate. The drive is open to both active duty and military dependants.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Retirements

Master Sgt. Tobin Anderson, 366th Operation Support Squadron, will retire today at 3:30 p.m. at the Gunfighters Club. For more information, call Senior Airman Desiree Haynes at 828-2172.

Load crew of the fourth quarter

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Robert Hopkins, Capt. Jeffrey Hanoff, Chief Master Sgt. Arthur Campbell, Senior Master Sgt. Robert Gaines, Staff Sgt. Kenneth McCue, Senior Airman Dixie Cleveland and Senior Airman Lars Wetli, from the 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, for winning load crew of the month.

NEWSLINE

AFSA meeting

Chapter 1164 office Air Force Sergeants Association is having their general membership meeting today at 11:15 a.m. at the Gunfighters Club. They will be nominating individuals to run for office (voting will occur in February) and discussion on recruiting, fundraising, community involvement and current legislative issues.

MHHS senior celebration meeting

Parents of Mountain Home High School seniors are asked to attend a Senior Celebration planning meeting Monday at 6 p.m. in Room 24A at the high school. Parents are planning an all-night, alcohol-free party for graduation night. For more information, call Lorretta Olmstead at 587-9219.

Mardi Gras celebration

The Officers’ Spouses’ Club is celebrating Mardi Gras with a luncheon and best mask contest Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gunfighters Club. The cost is \$8.25 for club members \$10.25 for non-members. R.S.V.P. to Andrea Mattern by calling 587-3522 no later than Feb. 8.

ALS graduation

Gunfighter Airman Leadership School Class 06-C will graduate Feb. 9 at the Gunfighters Club. Social hour is at 6 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

Uniform is Mess Dress/Semi-Formal. Please see your first sergeant by Monday to sign up. Cost is \$14.50 (\$3 discount for club members).

Visitor center hours

The visitor center is open 24 hours a day for temporary visitor’s passes, temporary vehicle passes and to register a vehicle on the installation. Normal pass and registration hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Monique Hester at 828-6098.

Gen. Henry Arnold Education Grant

Concerned about the soaring cost of higher education for your children? The Air Force Aid Society can help. In recognition of escalating college costs, the society increased the individual award amount under its Gen. Henry H Arnold Education Grant Program to \$2,000. The program continues to be offered to children and spouses (residing stateside) of active duty and several other candidate categories. The deadline to apply is March 10. For more information and an application, call the family support center at 828-2458.

Did you know?

When returning from an accompanied overseas assignment, any dependent no-fee passports must be presented to your base passport agent for cancellation. Dependents are not authorized to use government issued no-fee passports for tourist travel once the military member returns to the U.S.

Tax Center helps ease taxing concerns

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servicemembers each year.

“The cost savings are very advantageous for Airmen,” she said. “Last year alone we saved Gunfighters more than \$170,000 in tax preparation fees, not to mention tax breaks and credits that someone may not have known they were eligible to receive.

“All the refunds are processed electronically and offered the option for direct deposit, which means the member will receive their refund much quicker than if they mailed it. That means fewer headaches,” said Mrs. Johnson.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Hatfield, the VITA representative for the 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, agrees with Mrs. Johnson.

He said the IRS invests a lot of time and money training volunteers to assist those intimidated by the tax-filing process, and the payoff for servicemembers is accurate electronic returns processed much quicker than returns mailed to the IRS. Refunds are usually paid within two weeks, as long as there are no problems with a return.

After receiving the paperwork he needed to complete his tax return this year, Tech. Sgt. Frank Ruckel, who works in the 366th EMS, called on the VITA representatives for help.

“This is quick and easy,” said Sergeant Ruckel. “I have wanted to have them do my taxes for a while but could never get over here to have them do it before.”

The Tax Center also wanted to make sure that Gunfighters returning from or preparing for a deployment are aware that they don’t have to rush to get their returns filed on time.

“There is an automatic six-month extension for members of the military who are deployed,” said Mrs. Johnson. “This is just one less thing they have to worry about while they are out protecting us.”

The Tax Center is open for walk-ins from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and for appointments Tuesdays and Thursdays. Special appointments for Gunfighters working swing shifts or graveyards are available directly through Mr. Johnson.

VITA VOLUNTEERS BY SQUADRON		
366th Fighter Wing 2nd Lt. Kathy Cyr 828-5000 Senior Airman Jennifer Peterson 828-2086 Command Post Tech. Sgt. Carrie Elders 828-5843 Airman 1st Class Jennifer Feliciano 828-5800 266th Range Squadron Tech. Sgt. Nikese Swift 828-4107 Staff Sgt. Kent Hill 828-6026 Staff Sgt. Richard Ryan 828-4805 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Capt. Kathryn Roman 828-2197 Master Sgt. John Greth 828-2621 Master Sgt. Edward Halley 828-6755 Tech Sgt. Chris Fulton 828-1165	Tech. Sgt. David Irvine 828-2169 Tech. Sgt. Michael Villafuerte 828-3013 Staff Sgt. John Holwege 828-6194 Airman 1st Class Marco Nunez 828-1174 726th Air Control Squadron Staff Sgt. Windy Formica 828-4272 Staff Sgt. Joseph Raven 828-6700 Staff Sgt. Stephen Lusk 828-3603 Senior Airman Joseph Dorey 828-6076 Airman 1st Class Jessica Hendrickson 828-3613 Airman 1st Class Kelli Anguiano 828-2365 366th Operations Support Squadron Master Sgt. Herlinda Segundo 828-2077	Senior Airman Raven Harris 828-6303 366th Component Maintenance Squadron Staff Sgt. Jennifer Knight 828-2400 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron 1st Lt. Marashia McCormick 828-6864 1st Lt. Nicole Provolt 828-1007 2nd Lt. David Birkhead 828-1669 2nd Lt. Heather McDaniel 828-4698 Staff Sgt. Michelle Novak 828-6735 Staff Sgt. Troy Pierson 828-6000 Staff Sgt. Walter Ray 828-2215 Staff Sgt. Leanna Sisson 828-6014 Stanley Brown, 828-4179 Fred Horn 828-4179 Calvin Miller 828-4698

Commander promotes Gunfighters

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a part of such a positive moment in someone’s career.

“It was kind of a surprise because they masked it as a flight call. I think it was a neat thing to have more than 100 people there to witness it,” said Master Sgt. Shawn Frank, 726th Air Control Squadron. “He really didn’t have a clue at all.”

Senior leadership is tasked with reviewing packages and picking the most deserving of Airmen on base to receive this rare distinction. Being STEP promoted designates each member as a person who not only goes above and beyond what is expected of them, but also consciously puts forth the effort to take on projects which highlight their dedication and devotion to duty.

“While most of the unit was recently deployed, he took over the shop, our two radars, 11 Airmen and ran the shop like everyone was still here,” said Sergeant Frank. “He really performed well beyond our expectations and is a solid NCO.”

“He is dedicated,” said Mrs. Onders. “Dedicated to his troops, his job, supervi-

sors and being the best he can at everything he does, while setting the example for others to follow.”

“These Airmen are clearly a cut above the already outstanding Airmen we have here at Mountain Home,” said Colonel Shugg. “The decisions are never easy, but when reading the packages and meeting them in person, I know these sergeants will do great things in their careers.”

With that, the newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Onders will be moving to Keesler AFB, Miss., as a radar maintenance instructor, something he looks forward to as the next step in his life.



COL. CHARLES SHUGG, 366TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER, AND CHIEF MASTER SGT. ALLEN NIKSICH, 366TH FW COMMAND CHIEF, TACK ON TECHNICAL SERGEANT STRIPES TO MICHAEL KORTRIGHT, 391ST AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT, JAN. 20.

“The timing was just right,” said Sergeant Onders. “Having a baby, receiving a three-year controlled tour as an instructor and being promoted to technical sergeant - I just couldn’t be happier.”

“I’m really proud of him for all the work he has put in. I’m happy to see that his efforts didn’t go unnoticed,” said Mrs. Onders. “Leadership did notice, and it’s nice to feel validated for all the extra time he has put into his work over the years.”

“I wish he wasn’t leaving, but I know he will do great things there,” said Sergeant Frank. “We will miss him.”

Congratulations to the following Gunfighters on their STEP promotions:

- MASTER SGT. ROBERT SUGDEN
366TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON
- MASTER SGT. MICHELLE MESERVE
366TH COMPTROLLER SQUADRON
- TECH. SGT. JEFFREY SCARLOTT
366TH COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON
- TECH. SGT. MICHAEL KORTRIGHT
391ST AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT

Online commissary allows military members to shop at home

VIRTUAL

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charges are paid by the customer, just as at most other Internet shopping sites, and charges will vary depending on the method of shipping selected, location, and the speed of delivery requested. Customers can check for availability of delivery to APO and FPO addresses as well as get more information on what’s in the gift baskets by clicking on the image of the gift basket at Virtual Commissary. Payment for orders can be made with any credit card accepted in “real” commissaries and customer information is not archived by DeCA.

“We’re certainly energized by the possibilities offered to our customers through this partnership with industry,” Mr. Nixon said. “The future of online commissary shopping is unlimited!”

Down the road, Virtual Commissary expansion could include making a wide variety of commissary products available, a feature that would allow deployed military servicemembers, retirees and other authorized shoppers to order items they want and need at commissary savings – no matter where they live.



TECH. SGT. RENNIE ONDERS, 726TH ACS, ACCEPTS HIS PROMOTION CERTIFICATE FROM COLONEL SHUGG JAN. 20 AFTER BEING STEP PROMOTED.

Security forces transformation: More than meets the eye

Transformation will affect total Air Force

By SENIOR AIRMAN J.G. BUZANOWSKI
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

security forces career field will affect the total force. Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a “refocus” on how his

people train and fight. “We’re not in the Cold War anymore; we have to alter our mentality and our practices for today’s reality,” the general said. “Because of the nature of the threat, our Airmen are fighting the global war on terror on the front lines, and we owe it to them to provide training, equipment and resources to be effective.”

Essentially security forces Airmen will focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations, as well as security at a fixed installation, General Holmes said.

As an example, he cited an Air Force Task Force that operated around Balad Air Base, Iraq, for two months last year. The unit patrolled the local towns and found weapons caches as well as individuals who posed a threat to the base.

“Our Airmen are going ‘outside the wire’ to conduct missions and are proving successful in keeping people safe,” General Holmes said. “Not only for the folks stationed at the base, but people who live and work in the local area as well. This is very important in the present war on terror.”

Security forces Airmen must learn counter-insurgency techniques, and in doing so, they’ll operate more effectively in joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air and space operations. “We need to be prepared



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JAMES L. HARPER JR.

STAFF SGT. JONATHAN GEREN AND HIS MILITARY WORKING DOG ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS ON PATROL. SERGEANT GEREN AND HIS DOG ARE DEPLOYED TO IRAQ FROM THE 10TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. THE SECURITY FORCES CAREER IS UNDERGOING A TRANSFORMATION THAT WILL AFFECT THE TOTAL FORCE. THESE CHANGES WILL PRESENT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER AIRMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN INSTALLATION SECURITY.

for a full-spectrum of threats against an air field,” General Seip said. “That means taking more responsibility for defense of our mission, so our sister services can concentrate on their own tasks. We need to understand how they operate, so we’re working closely with the Army to identify additional ways to train our Airmen.”

While security forces will focus more on their warfighting competencies, Air Force leaders are reviewing several options for installation protection duties, like entry control, at home stations. Plans call for more DoD

civilians, greater affiliation with Guard and Reserve and better use of technologies, General Holmes said.

The changes to the security forces career field will present the opportunity for other Airman to participate in installation security. While that doesn’t necessarily mean everyone will have a rotation checking identification cards at a gate, it does mean more comprehensive training, awareness and capability to respond and participate, he said.

“Will every Airman be a cop? No. But every Airman will be a warrior,” General Holmes said. “Every Airman

needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack. This means more than just qualifying with a weapon. We want Airmen to be comfortable with their duty weapon and to develop their shooting skills.”

While definitive plans have not been finalized, General Holmes also said one of the transformation goals is bringing security forces Airmen back in step with standard Air Force 120-day deployments.

“Right now our folks are going out for 179-day rotations,” he said. “Our Airmen

need time to reconstitute and train, so it’s important to get them in line with the rest of the Air Force. We aim to do just that.”

Overall, General Holmes said the changes would make security forces Airmen more effective and relevant to Air Force needs in the face of the current changing nature of warfare.

“We want to make our Airmen more proficient, and to do that, we need to adapt,” General Holmes said. “We’re going to change our training, our tactics and our procedures and the Air Force will be better for it.”



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SARAH R. WEBB

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CARIN BRIGHAM STANDS READY TO ENSURE BASE PERIMETER SECURITY IN SOUTHWEST ASIA. AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ERICK MARTINEZ BACKS HER UP WITH A M240 MACHINE GUN. BOTH AIRMEN ARE IN THE 379TH EXPEDITIONARY SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON.

Ads

DEPLOYED GUNFIGHTERS MEET FORMER PRESIDENT



COURTESY PHOTOS

FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH, IS MET BY STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN JENSEN (LEFT), 366TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON CURRENTLY DEPLOYED WITH THE 1ST EXPEDITIONARY RED HORSE GROUP, AND STAFF SGT. MELISSA KOSKOVICH (TOP), 366TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS CURRENTLY DE- PLOYED WITH U.S. CENTAF FORWARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS, DURING THE FORMER PRESIDENT’S RECENT VISIT TO SOUTHWEST ASIA.

Billing date changes for government travel card

By MEGAN ORTON
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Air Force gov- ernment travel card billing cycles for individually billed accounts will begin closing out on the 22nd of each month beginning in March. The current cycle ends the

third day of every month, so cardholders will experience a long cycle running Feb. 3 through March 22. Bank of America will have cus- tomer service representatives avail- able and prepared to handle all calls relating to the cycle date change. Cardholders can now register online for electronic account gov- ernment ledger system user IDs and passwords using information

found on GTC statements. This system allows cardholders to view current transactions and previous statement activity and maintain ac- count information online. To register, visit www.gcsuthd.bankofamerica.com/eagls_selfregistration/selfreg.aspx. EAGLS user IDs and passwords will be mailed to the address asso- ciated with your GTC. Call the EAGLS technical help desk at (800) 472-1424.



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Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 599-3922 or 599-3923 in Mtn. Home or 371-6531 or 371-6893 in Boise for a free ride home. AADD volunteers are available from 5 p.m. Fridays to 4 a.m. Mondays.

GRAPHIC BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES

Ads

SERVICES

Auto skills center

Contract mechanic and paint and body tech — Work is done by appointment only.

To make an appointment, call 828-2295.

Bowling center

Family special — Bowl for \$1 a game Sunday.

For more information, call 828-6329.

Community center

Instructors needed — The community center is looking for experienced instructors for crafts, dance, music, cooking, interior decorating, self defense, sewing, quilting, cake decorating and stamping.

Photography classes — Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Salsa classes — Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 for five sessions.

Spanish classes — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Dogobedience class — Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$35 for four sessions.

For more information, call 828-2246.

Youth programs

Teen Late-Night Flicks — Tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight for ages 13 and up. The cost is \$4 (members get \$1 off).

First Friday Kidz Klub — Feb. 3 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for ages 6 to 8. The cost is \$5 per person (members get \$1 off).

For more information, call 828-2501.

Outdoor adventure program

Children’s Introduction to Skiing and Snowboarding — Saturday. \$25 per child. Designed to introduce parents and their children to the realities of learning to ski. Includes transportation, equipment and instruction.

Winter Sports Day — Feb. 3 at Bogus Basin Ski Resort. Lift tickets are \$12 and tubing hill tickets are \$8 when tickets are purchased in advance at OAP or recreation supply.

For more information, call 828-6333.

Outdoor recreation supply

Ski sale — Special pricing on used ski equipment. Skis are available for \$8 a pair and \$15 for boots.

Boat shrink wrapping — Now available for \$4 per foot.

Video rentals — Video rentals available for sportsmen’s needs. Weekend rentals are \$1, day rates are \$0.75 and additional days are \$0.50.

Sportsman camp trailer special — Camp trailers are reserved on the first working day of the month and may be reserved for the following month. Prices

range from \$60 per weekend, \$45 over night and \$15 for each additional day.

On-consignment ski swap — Bring in your used skis and snowboards. Leave them on consignment, and customers will call you.

For more information, call 828-2237.

Library

Multimedia center — Features color copier, scanner and photo printing.

Story time — Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for supervised children age 3 to 5.

Pony Espresso Café — Open Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Serves a variety of coffee drinks, smoothies and pastries.

Video club — \$12 per year membership fee. Members can borrow up to three videos at a time for a one-week rental.

For more information, call 828-2326.

Pizza Etc.

January special — Reuben sandwich, fries or tots and 24-ounce soda for \$6.50.

Soup of the day —

Monday — Chicken gumbo.

Tuesday — Chicken and dumplings.

Wednesday — Creamy potato with bacon.

Thursday — Cream of Broccoli.

Friday — Clam chowder.

Gunfighters Club

Cook your own steak or chicken — Every Thursday in January. \$3.95 per person for club members.

CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday Mass — 8 a.m.

CCD Sunday — 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. for 3 year olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.

Daily Mass — Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday School — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for 6 month olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.

Traditional Service — Sunday at 11 a.m. Also provided at this time are a Children’s Church for 4 year olds to second grade and Wee Joy for 6 months to 5 years.

Gospel Jubilee Service — Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

Protestant extras — Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building.

WELLNESS

Internet job search

Learn to develop an Internet job search strategy to harness the explosion of career

resources at your disposal. Explore careers of interest, find current field/industry information and conduct company research, network and more. Class will be held Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Four lenses colors workshop

Learn the mystery of your own behaviors and recognize and encourage potential in others. Learn to use this invaluable tool to bridge the gaps in communication within your career, family and personal relationships. Class will be held Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Improving credit scores

Managing credit is more important and more complicated than ever and can cost you money. Learn how to establish credit, improve your credit and get out of credit debt. Class will be held Feb. 8 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Baby care basics

Take the first steps in parenting. Learn the essentials of basic care and safety for that new member of the family, whether this is a first or second child. Class will be held Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7566 or 828-7520.

Developing a career profile

Excellent career plans start with self-awareness. Discover possible career choices through self-assessment tests and learn more about your career personality type, interests, skills and work values. Class will be held Feb. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Heart Link

Learn to adjust, adapt and belong to the Air Force family. This fun, interactive and informative program gives spouses the tools to understand and navigate through the Air Force mission, customs, traditions and support services. With the Heart Link advantage, you have the tools to take care of yourself, family and community. Class will be held Feb. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gunfighters Club. To register, call 828-2458.

Siblings

Children age 2 and up can learn to understand and deal with the unique relationship of being a sibling and what to expect when the baby arrives. Class will be held Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7566 or 828-7520.

EDUCATION NEWS

Scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency and the Military Officers Association of America have opened their 2006 programs.

The DeCA 2006 scholarship program is open until Feb. 22. Applications and complete details are available at the commissary or through www.commissaries.com.

For MOAA Scholarship Fund applications and complete details of the program, visit MOAA’s Web site at www.MOAA.org/education. The application deadline is March 1.

Additionally, the Officers’ and Enlisted Spouses’ Clubs of Mountain Home Air Force Base are offering three separate scholarship opportunities to eligible applicants. Stop by the Education Center for applications. For more information, call Dawn Hollon at 832-2029. Finally, the Aerospace Education Foundation has announced their Air Force Spouse Scholarship. For more information, visit the Web site at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp.

CCAF graduation deadline

Community College of the Air Force students desiring to graduate this spring will need to have all requirements met and submitted to CCAF by Feb. 24.

For information in determining the progress toward a degree, call 828-6363.

University of Oklahoma

Spring enrollments are now open. Today is the last to enroll in the next class, Human Resource Administration, scheduled from Feb. 26 to March 4. Visit the University of Oklahoma’s Web site at www.gouu.ou.edu for a complete list of programs and classes. The Master of Public Administration program is open to all, military and civilian. For more informa-

VIPER VISITS

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ROBERT RICHARDSON

VIPER POSES WITH AIRMAN JESSICA WILSON (LEFT) AND AIRMAN APRIL SEVERSON, BOTH FROM THE 366TH SERVICES SQUADRON, AS AIRMAN DANA HILL, 366TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON, SETS THE LIGHTING FOR THEIR STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHS. THE 366TH SVS IS PREPARING FOR A VISIT FROM THE HENNESSY TEAM.

tion, call 828-4188 or stop by the education services center.

HOUSING NEWS

Steps to simplify house cleaning

For those getting ready to PCS, it’s never too early to begin preparations. It’s the responsibility of family housing occupants to maintain their quarters and lawns in a clean and sanitary condition. This not only makes living in family housing more enjoyable, but also allows for a smoother termination process. The housing brochure given to base residents prior to moving in has helpful information on the upkeep, cleaning and maintenance of family housing units.

Some helpful tips are as follows:

Kitchens: Appliances should be cleaned on a regular basis, especially stoves and ovens. Wipe down the exterior of the stove, dishwasher and refrigerator regularly. Never use sharp objects when defrosting the freezer. Avoid putting grease, onions, celery, and potato peels in the garbage disposal, as these may cause it to stop up or jam.

Bathrooms: Ceramic tile should be cleaned with a mild detergent. Fixtures and floors should be cleaned with a non-abrasive cleaner. A pumice stone works well on rings in the toilet bowl. If there is mold or mildew present, it should be wiped down with a bleach solution (one part bleach to 10 parts water) or a commercial product for mildew.

Floors: Floors should be damp mopped; excess water on wood floors may cause damage to them.

Carpet: Vacuum weekly. Clean spills immediately before they become stains. As per Air Force policy, the housing inspector will go over your carpet with a black light to insure there are no pet stains. This ensures the incoming occupant isn’t assigned to a unit with below standard carpet.

The Self Help store has carpet cleaners available for occupant use. They also have black lights so occupants may check the carpet prior to their final inspection. Occupants will be held liable for damages beyond fair wear and tear.

Walls: Use a mild soap solution to keep walls clean. They should be wiped down on a regular basis. If the walls are discolored or have candle soot or a black soot-like residue on them, clean with a bleach solution or commercial mild abrasive cleanser.

Pest control: Pests are attracted to shelter and food sources, so discourage the critters from homesteading in your

residence by keeping a clean house. The Self Help store carries mousetraps, ant traps and insect spray.

Garages: For vehicle leaks, place a piece of wood or cardboard underneath to prevent oil stains. Clean spills as soon as possible to prevent grease and oil buildup on garage and carport floors.

Ground care: Keep lawn mowed to a height of 3 to 5 inches. Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed and away from the house. Take unused or broken landscaping materials (stepping stones, bricks, timbers) to the Recycle Center. Make sure grass is removed from fence lines and cracks in sidewalks.

For more information on family housing responsibilities and liability, call the housing office at 828-2781.

Reporting service calls

When maintenance is required at your quarters, call Satellite Services Incorporated at 832-4643 to initiate a service call. SSI is responsible for the performance of maintenance services in Military Family Housing.

A service call is generated when an occupant requests an item of maintenance to be performed at their quarters. The contractor has a central point of contact physically manned at all times or an answering service with trained operators to receive all request for service. The service call is received by the contractor 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round.

Each service call received is documented and assigned a job order number. If requested, the job order number is given to the caller as a reference should there be any questions.

The contractor will classify each service call using emergency, urgent or nonemergency. The occupant will then be given a time frame to expect a technician or the option to make an appointment.

Service call categories and response times are as follows:

Emergency and urgent - Shall consist of correcting failures and deficiencies which poses an immediate danger to the health and safety of occupants or threaten damage to the property. These calls require immediate to four-hour response, seven days a week, 24 hours.

Nonemergency - Failures or deficiencies that don’t pose an immediate danger to the occupants or threaten damage to the property but could affect the quality of life and well-being of occupants. These calls require 24-hour to five-day response, five days a week, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

THE BIG SCREEN

Today – *Syriana* – R – 7p.m. – starring George Clooney and Matt Damon. Robert, a 21-year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency, spent his entire career investigating terrorists around the globe. As the dangers of terrorism increased, he watched as the CIA’s funding was cut, politics overstock judgment and warning signs were ignored. But the struggle becomes personal when an oil executive and his wife are faced with a family tragedy. 2 hours, 6 minutes.

Saturday and Sunday – *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* – PG – starring Tilda Swinton and Georgie Henley. The book tells the story of Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy, who are separated from their parents in

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – Theater closed.

London during the German air raids of World War II. They are sent to the country for safety and find a magic wardrobe that transports them to the mystical world of Narnia, a once peaceful land of talking beasts, dwarfs and giants. However, Narnia has been frozen by the evil White Witch and the children must help the lion, Aslan, break her spell. 2 hours, 5 minutes. (Saturday and Sunday at 7p.m. Special 1 p.m. matinee Saturday.)

Monday – *The Family Stone* – PG-13 – 7 p.m. – starring Dermot Mulroney and Diane Keaton. The Stones, a New England family, have their annual holiday gathering. The eldest son brings his girlfriend home to meet his parents, brothers and sisters. The bohemian Stones greet their visitor – a high-powered, controlling New Yorker – with a mix of awkwardness, confusion and hostility. Before the holiday is over, relationships will unravel while new ones are formed, secrets will be revealed and the family Stone will come through its extraordinary capacity for love. 1 hour, 42 minutes.

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

Basketball Standings

Intramural West	
Team	Record
CES	3 – 0
CMS	3 – 0
AMXS (A)	2 – 1
AMXS (B)	2 – 1
MDG	1 – 2
EMS	1 – 2
LRS	0 – 3
726th ACS	0 – 3

East	
Team	Record
MOS	2 – 0
OSS	2 – 0
AMXS (C)	1 – 0
CS	1 – 1
SVS	0 – 1
Building 512	0 – 2
SFS	0 – 2

Over 30	
Team	Record
Building 512	2 – 0
LRS	1 – 0
CMS	1 – 0
CS	1 – 0
CES	1 – 1
Chiefs/Shirts	1 – 1
MDG	0 – 1
SVS	0 – 2

UPCOMING GAMES

MONDAY	
Over 30	
CES vs. CMS	- 11 a.m.
SVS vs. CS	- Noon
Intramural	
AMXS (A) vs. EMS	- 5 p.m.
LRS vs. MDG	- 6 p.m.
CES vs. 726 ACS	- 7 p.m.

Chiefs, Shirts tangle with CES



JAY JACQUES (MIDDLE), CHIEFS AND SHIRTS , GOES FOR A REBOUND AGAINST BOB SCHMIDT (LEFT) AND JERRY ARMSTRONG, 366TH EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SQUAD- RON, DURING THEIR GAME WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.



AFTER THE GAME, PATTI SCHMIDT, CHIEFS AND SHIRTS HONORARY "MOM", PASSES OUT SNACKS TO THE TEAM TO KEEP THEIR ENERGY UP FOR THE REST OF THE DAY AND REWARD THEM FOR THE VICTORY.



MIKE BERNARD (MIDDLE), 366TH CES, PUTS THE SHOT UP BETWEEN STEPHEN GOWEN (LEFT) AND JACQUES, CHIEFS AND SHIRTS TEAM.



KEVIN CURL, CHIEFS AND SHIRTS, PASSES THE BALL AROUND STEVE ELLIOT, 366TH EMS. THE CHIEFS AND SHIRTS DEFEATED THE 366TH CES 34 -28.

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

UPCOMING GAMES

TUESDAY	
Over 30	
Chiefs/Shirts vs. MDG	- 11 a.m.
LRS vs. Bldg. 512	- Noon
Intramural	
CS vs. SVS	- 5 p.m.
Bldg. 512 vs. OSS	- 6 p.m.
MOS vs. SFS	- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Over 30	
CES vs. Bldg. 512	- 11 a.m.
CS vs. Chiefs/Shirts	- Noon
Intramural	
AMXS (A) vs. CMS	- 5 p.m.
EMS vs. MDG	- 6 p.m.
LRS vs. CES	- 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Over 30	
SVS vs. LRS	- 11 a.m.
MDG vs. CMS	- Noon
Intramural	
MOS vs. Bldg. 512	- 5 p.m.
CS vs. OSS	- 6 p.m.
AMXS (C) vs. SFS	- 7 p.m.

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